

## BOARD MINUTE AND DIRECTION

### BOARD OF INQUIRY

### NORTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSAL

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s149J of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider resource consents and notices of requirement lodged by the New Zealand Transport Agency in relation to Northern Corridor Improvements in Auckland.

THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

Judge Melanie Harland (Chair)  
Conway Stewart  
Nigel Mark-Brown

DATE

3 March 2017

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### BOARD MINUTE AND DIRECTION NO. 2

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#### Telephone conference held 3 March 2017

1. I convened a telephone conference on 3 March 2017 with counsel for the New Zealand Transport Agency (“**the Transport Agency**”) and representatives from Auckland Council in attendance. I was authorised by the other members of the Board to convene this telephone conference.
2. The Board wants to ensure that the material presented to it is logically and helpfully structured to ensure that it can be clearly understood by all participants and the Board and that it is focussed on the issues that the Board will need to decide. To aid this, the Board has suggested that the following documents be provided by the Applicant prior to the pre-hearing conference:
  - (a) a statement of issues;
  - (b) a list of topics; and
  - (c) a list of the planning documents and the related parts thereof that are relevant to the topics and the issues.

#### Statement of Issues

3. The statement of issues will be “living document” that can be developed and refined throughout the process.

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4. Ms McIndoe, counsel for the Transport Agency, advised that she will begin preparing a statement of issues on the basis of what the Agency considers the issues are or might be. The statement of issues will be updated once submissions are filed prior to the pre-hearing conference .

#### List of Topics

5. A topics-based approach can be a useful way of hearing the evidence, particularly expert evidence. It is unclear at this stage whether this will be a useful way for evidence to be presented at the hearing but a list of topics would assist the Board however the evidence is heard.
6. Ms McIndoe agreed to begin formulating a list of topics which will be amended or further refined as submissions are filed.
7. This will be a matter to be further discussed at the pre-hearing conference.

#### List of Planning Documents

8. Having a list of planning documents and the relevant provisions identified under each topic and/or issue will enable the witnesses to address them in their evidence and will assist the Environment Court Commissioners to efficiently facilitate expert witness conferencing.

Counsel for the Transport Agency has agreed to consider how this might best be achieved and will consult with the Council staff to ensure their views about what planning provisions are relevant.

#### Ability to sit on Saturdays

9. The Board is prepared to consider the possibility of sitting on Saturdays during the hearing. I did not invite comment on this at the telephone conference but simply raised it as a possibility.
10. This is a matter that will be discussed at the pre-hearing conference.

#### Directions

11. I did not make directions at the telephone conference but simply advised those in attendance that the documents mentioned above would be helpful.
12. Any requests for clarification and/or matters arising that the parties may wish the Board members to address can be sent to the EPA in the first instance.

**For the Board:**



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Judge M Harland

Chairperson

**Board of Inquiry for the Northern Corridor Improvements Proposal**

**Dated:** 3 March 2017